GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR and RD Department - Allegation of irregularities in the execution of work "Road from Jarjangi – Sowdam road at Km 1/0 to Pattapuram" in PR Division, Srikakuam" – Disciplinary Proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 initiated against Sri K.Lavanya Kumar, former Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC),Kotabommali, Srikakulam District and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Salur - Charges held proved in the Regular Enquiry – Explanation received - Imposition of penalty of Stoppage of (2) two Annual Grade Increments without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 353 **Dated: 22-06-2020**
Read the following:

1. From GA (V&E) Deptt., Vigilance Report No.47 (1377/V&E/E2/2009), dated: 27.07.2011.
2. From the ENC, PR, Lr. No.Vig.I (1)/9906/2012, Dated: 25.02.2012.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1661, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt.06.09.2012.
4. From Sri K. Lavanya Kumar, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, written statement of defence, dt: 1.11.2012.
5. G.O.Rt.No.831, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept., Dt: 25.08.2015.
6. From Smt. K. Padmaja, Chief Engineer (NREGS), PR & Inquiry Officer, Letter No. Vig. Report No.47/Enquiry Report/SKLM/15, dated:07.01.2016.
7. Govt. Memo No. 19629/Vig. I/2011, dated: 06.07.2016.
8. From Sri K. Lavanya Kumar, Deputy Executive Engineer, PR Sub-Division, Salur, representation dt: 28.10.2016.

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, Govt. initiated disciplinary proceedings by framing following article of charge against Sri K.Lavanya Kumar, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR), Kotabommali,Srikakulam District, for committing certain allegation of irregularities in execution of work ""Road from Jarjangi – Sowdam road at Km 1/0 to Pattapuram" in PR Division, Srikakuam" rikakulam District" with a direction to the Charged Officer to submit his WSD.

Charge :

That Sri K.Lavanya Kumar, former DEE (FAC), Kotabommali, has committed certain irregularities in execution of work "Road from Jarjangi-Sowdam road at KM 1/0 to Pattupuram" in Srikakulam District as he has (1) not obtained mix design for CC used in pavement, (2) allowed and check measured substandard quality of concrete (Rejected value –Rs.10,25,824/-) in contravening the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence.

3. Government have not satisfied with the Written Statement Defences submitted by Charged Officer and decided to conduct regular enquiry into the matter against the charged officer including against two (2) other co-charged officers involved in the case. Accordingly, in the reference 5th read above appointed Smt. K. Padmaja, Chief Engineer, NABARD, O/o. the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj as the Inquiring Authority to conduct enquiry into matter.

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4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report dt:07.01.2016, wherein the Inquiry Officer has held that charge is proved against the charged officer.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government, among others, have communicated copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Sri K.Lavanya Kumar, Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) for his representation on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri K.Lavanya Kumar, former Deputy Executive Engineer (PR) (FAC), Kotabommali and presently working at PR Sub-Division, Salur, has submitted representation stating that during the V&E inspection, some of the cores of the work failed to give satisfaction result and as such entire cost of the road was recovered from the Contractor and hence no financial loss to Government. The road in the village is intact and rendering its purpose to the public. He has requested to consider his representations and to exonerate him from the charge.

7. Government have examined the matter and observe that the charged officer being the check measuring authority should have taken utmost care while executing the work. The Vigilance & Enforcement conducted inspection over the work and pointed out deficiencies in the work causing loss to Government. After such inspection by the Vigilance only, the recoveries made good. Hence the contention of the Charged Officer that there is no loss to Govt. is not tenable. The charged officer failed to discharge his legitimate duties and responsible. Hence, his contention to exonerate him from the charge is devoid of merits.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter have hereby order to impose the penalty of stoppage of (2) annual grade increments without cumulative effect against Sri K. Lavanya Kumar, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Kotabommali and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Salur, under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in the matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Sri K. Lavanya Kumar, former Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Kotabommali and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Salur, **through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the orders on the individual and furnish the served copy to Govt., for record)

Copy to:
The A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER